



DANVILLE, KY.
FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1855

The Platform.

We publish in another column, under the head of "Our Principles," an article from the *American Organ*, published at Washington city, in which are set forth the principles and objects of the American party. We hope the article will be read thoughtfully by every American whose hands this number of our paper may fall, and we hope further that all such will ask themselves the question, and decide it, if there is anything wrong or unjustly proscribed, in American people wishing American rulers, and none other, to govern them. There have been many misrepresentations of the principles of the American party, by ambitious politicians, lying editors, and so forth, and the publication of the article referred to above, is due to those who compose that party.

Covington and Lexington Railroad.

This road is doing a tremendous business. There are few roads in the United States which promise a larger and more active business. When the road is extended south, through this place, it must prove to be the very best and most profitable in the Union. The necessity for its southern connections gives us great confidence that it will push the Lexington and Danville road through, and that speedily. All ready the goods, groceries, &c., for Central and Southern Kentucky are being shipped over the Covington and Lexington road.

Gen. Combs is energetically exerting himself to secure the completion of this road to Danville, and we think it to the interest of the city of Cincinnati and of the Covington and Lexington Railroad to continue the road to this place. It is greatly to the interest of Louisville and still more to the interest of the Louisville and Frankfort and Lexington railroads, to have their roads extended to this place by a uniform gauge. One thing is certain, it is to the interest of Danville to have her road completed at some gauge. We do not see why some arrangement is not made with the Lexington and Louisville companies, if there is no reason to believe it will be completed on the gauge heretofore agreed on, and if such agreement will not be carried out, let us have a railroad. A road, let it be on the gauge of a railroad. A railroad from here to Louisville, with a uniform gauge, will prove immensely to the advantage of the Lexington and Louisville roads, and equally so to our town and surrounding country. We trust that Gen. Combs or somebody else will look to the matter.

The Wealthiest Man in Kentucky.

Bishop Scutcheon, the Roman Catholic Bishop of this State, is the wealthiest man in the State. His real estate, consisting of cathedrals, churches, manse, numerous, laymans, hospitals, &c., is worth not less than from two million to five million of dollars. Since the coming of Roman Catholic Bishops of the United States assembled in Baltimore in 1845, promulgated their decrees, requiring all individuals, and trustees holding property for the use of the church to convey the same to the Bishops, all the church property in the State, as we are informed, has been conveyed to Bishop Spaulding. Bishop Spaulding is now more than a Millionaire. Since the issuance of the decree by the Baltimore Council, there has been concentrated in the hands of the Roman Catholic Bishops of the United States an *enormous* million of dollars. This is a greater sum than the United States Government can command. What will be the means of these Bishops in ten, twenty, fifty years from this date? Is there no danger of this church subsidizing the Government? Is it safe to permit such accumulation of property in the hands of a political hierarchy?

FIRE IN STANFORD.—The tavern stand of M. C. Portman, in Stanford, was destroyed by fire on Friday night last. The fire was discovered between 8 and 9 o'clock on the roof, near the bell-house, and spread with such rapidity that most of the furniture was burned. Several of the adjacent buildings and the Court-house were on fire several times, but by hard work, rightly applied, and plenty of water, were saved from destruction. Mr. Portman, we understand, had no insurance on his house, and his loss is quite heavy.

The Court-house had been on fire several times before the burning of Mr. Portman's house, and it was thought an incendiary was attempting its destruction, but we believe it has since been ascertained that one of the chimneys was defective, and the fire was by that means communicated to the building.

A COALITION WITH THE ABOLITIONISTS.—The enemies of the Native American party are exceedingly contradictory in their charges. At the North, we find that Greeley and Garrison, and Seward, and all the leading spirits of Abolitionism, are fiercely denouncing the Know-Nothing, as the foes of the Abolitionists and the allies of slavery. At the South, the old fogies denounce them as just exactly the opposite, and call them Abolitionists. Can sensible people be gulled by such stuff—by such ridiculous gammon? Does not every thinking man know that Greeley & Co. would not oppose the Know-Nothing if they thought the Abolitionists would be at all strengthened by that party?

These leading Abolitionists and the Southern opponents of Abolitionism are both doing the same thing—both denouncing the Know-Nothing.

"CASH CLAY'S ORGANS."—The *Newport News*, the only abolition and infidel paper in this State, has thrown its banner to the "Democrat." Anti-Know-Nothing nonsense. We believe the *News* has never before had a State ticket at the head of its columns, except, perhaps, the names of C. M. Clay and Rev. John G. Fee, for Governor and Lieutenant Governor in 1851. The *News* is the same sheet, edited by the same man, professing the same principles, it did then, when it was so deeply dyed in Abolitionism that C. M. Clay publicly announced it as his organ. The *News* now opposes the American movement. Comment is superfluous.

To Southern Men.

Ex-Governor South, of Virginia, a leading and influential Democrat, has taken the stand in that State in favor of the American party. In the process of giving the notice a good skin, he thus repels the charge, that the American party is Abolitionized, and shows plainly why the South should favor that party.

"The origin of K. N.'s is a struggle for bread—a faithful and angry question at the North. At the South it is a political question of high importance. The South has 55 more Representatives than the North already. The natural increase of the South is one-third greater than that of the North, because there are greater checks on population there, but the artificial check of foreign immigration brings 500,000 who settle annually in the Free States, with motives against slavery, making 50 Representatives in 10 years to swell the opposition to the South. To stop this enormous proportion, what is our policy? What is the faithful prospect before us? The effect of Know-Nothingism is to turn back the tide of immigration and our highest duty to the South, to discourage immigration. I deprecate it as a great calamity."

Mr. Clark, the Democratic nominee for Governor, opened the canvass in Franklin Simpson county, on Monday last, it being the first circuit court day. The Bowling Green Standard says that he indulged in the bitterest diatribe against the Know-Nothings, threw down the gauntlet of defiance, and pledged himself to the bitterness of his wrath, that he would seek for immolation or martyrdom before he would ask any quarter from such a source. At the same time he did not hesitate to call loud and long upon the *media independant* and *sub-Whigs* to join him in his crusade against Know-Nothingism.

Yes, that is the figure for Mr. Clark to set out. Sam is about, and Mr. Clark has taken a dreadful presentiment that Sam will give him a fight about the first Monday in August, that he wants all the manly, independent and noble Whigs to help him whip the young scoundrel. That's right, Mr. Clark. We hope, however, no Whig will give you his "aid and comfort." If the Know-Nothings were not around, Mr. Clark would be just about now probably giving the Whigs the same abuse and denunciation which he now uses against the new party.

GOLD IN BRAZIL.—The *Journal of Commerce* translates from a Paris paper the particulars of important gold discoveries in Brazil, and the formation of a company to work them, with a capital of half a million dollars. There may be some humbug about this, as the company is "anonymous," but the gold discoveries appear to be well authenticated. The Marquis editor claims that they are equal in richness and value to the mines of California or Australia.

It is rumored that Samuel F. Swopes, Esq., of Paducah, has been selected as the American candidate for Congress in the Covington district. Mr. S. is a Democrat, and has always been one of the best and ablest of his party in that portion of the State. Who the opposing candidate will be is not yet settled—Col. Carpenter, Col. Harris, Capt. Leathers, and sundry others being already either candidates or aspirants.

It is said that C. G. Wintersmith, Esq., is Sam's candidate for Congress in the Bardonia district. If this be so, Sam is lucky in getting hold of so clever a fellow; but, in fact, he seldom touches any other sort.

SEEDS AND STATISTICS.—Congress, says the National Intelligencer, begins to bestow special care upon the agricultural interests of the country. In the general appropriation bill we find an item of forty thousand and seventy-eight dollars to reimburse the Patent Office fund for amounts heretofore expended for seeds and the collection of agricultural statistics. It will be remembered that the clerk in charge of the Agricultural Bureau, made a visit last year to Europe to replenish the stock of seeds for distribution. Needs, we understand, have been distributed with great liberality to every part of the country.

KOSUTH ON CUBA.—The *New York Times* of Monday contains a rather long letter from Kosuth in relation to Cuba and the United States. He takes the ground that there is a large Republican party in Spain, and if the United States had actively taken part with the Republicans in the Revolution of 1854 in Spain, a Republican Government would have been established in that country, and Cuba would have been ours, by voluntary action on their part. He regards the idea of purchasing the Island from the mother country as preposterous and absurd. If an attempt to seize the Island by force were made, Spain would abolish slavery and declare the negroes free, which would embarrass the questions of American action in the United States, and would cause England and France to take part with Spain to defend her rights.

KNOW-NOTHINGS IN VIRGINIA.—The Richmond Post, the organ of the Know-Nothings, says: "We learn from a source in which we place the most implicit confidence, that there are, already, in Eastern Virginia 52,000 members of the Know-Nothing Order. How many there are in the West, we do not know. We learn from Kansas that there are two thousand in that county alone. We learn that there are already nine hundred in Wythe, and that the weekly increase is tremendous. In the strongest Democratic counties in the West, the Know-Nothings are the strongest. But they are known everywhere. All over Western Virginia, the flame is carrying everything before it, as inevitably as a fire on a prairie."

GREAT FIRE IN WINCHESTER.—We learn from the Lexington Observer, that a very destructive fire took place in Winchester, Ky., on Monday morning last, by which twenty-one houses were destroyed, and a loss of from thirty to forty thousand dollars was incurred. The fire broke out between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning; a large stable in the rear of the jail property, and nearly the entire square was destroyed, including a number of business houses, the jail, and the law offices of the Messrs. Hanson, Smith, and Houston and Downey.

A short time ago we noticed a rumor, that there was a proposition for a New Republic between the Rocky Mountains. This rumor has assumed an air of truth, and it is to be feared that the advocacy of this Western Republic will be much stronger than it was anticipated at first. The defeat of the Pacific Railroad is alleged to be one of the principal causes of dissatisfaction with the people along the Pacific.

AN "AMERICAN" PROGRESS.—The Harrisburg Telegraph says: A postmaster at Butler county, suspected of entertaining American sentiments, has been removed from office, and a German, but a few years from Germany, who can neither read the English language or write a legible hand, appointed in his place.

The Know-Nothings and allies in Louisville and Cincinnati have each nominated their ticket for city officers.

UP CONYER'S LAW'S BOOK. For April, has reached us. It is an elegant No., and good in every respect. The Lady's Book stands unapproachably in excellence by any other publication of the kind upon this continent. It is to the interest of the Ladies to take this magazine, as it is wholly devoted to their advancement, in everything of importance or benefit which they are concerned. Price \$3 a year. L. A. Conyer, Philadelphia.

PETERSON'S NATIONAL MAGAZINE.—This splendid magazine for April has been received by us. It stands up to its former colors, and sustains the reputation which it so deservedly won when first issued, as a first-class periodical. It is always filled with interesting reading matter, together with choice engravings.

The Richmond Whig gives an enthusiastic support to the American ticket recently nominated in that State, and says, "we have never known a ticket received with more evident delight." The Whig predicts the triumphant election of the candidates, and the overthrow of the Richmond dynasty, which has so long ruled that State.

In England fars are entertained that Queen Victoria is laboring under the effects of mental aberration and that she will become permanently insane. The disease is hereditary in her family, and there is every reason to believe the truth of this report.

The Law Commencement of Transylvania University, was held yesterday evening. WESTINGTON HARLAN, of this county, delivered the valedictory address.

KISSING SENTENCED.—Kissinger, the forger, has been sentenced in New York, to two years confinement in the penitentiary. He confessed his guilt.

KNOW-NOTHING VICTORY IN NEW ORLEANS.—A Despatch from New Orleans of the 26th, says: "The Know-Nothings carried the charter election triumphantly to day."

FOREIGN NEWS.—We publish this morning the latest news from Europe. The report of the czar's death is confirmed, and his son, Alexander, is Emperor of Russia. There are rumors of a rupture between England and France.

The Louisville Times learns that the enterprising gentlemen, who have undertaken to procure the necessary amount of subscription to complete the Masonic edifice in that city, have been eminently successful. More than twenty-three thousand dollars of stock have already been subscribed, and as twenty-five thousand is all that is needed, in a few days the requisite amount will be made up, and the work commenced.

LOUISVILLE MARKET.—We are compelled by a press of other matter to omit our usual review of the Louisville and other markets. Mess Park in Louisville commands \$14 and superior Flour \$8.50. Other articles about as quoted last week.

Wood is selling at Chicago for sixteen dollars a cord.

The prospects for the future wheat crop seem to be everywhere favorable.

It appears the yellow fever is prevailing in various parts of the West Indies.

The Charleston Mercury has nominated Mr. Pierce for re-election to the Presidency.

Report says that Hon. Abbott Lawrence, of Boston, is going to erect a college at Lawrence city, Kansas, in the spring.

Nearly two thousand claims under the new bounty law have been received at the Pension Office on Monday week.

Vol. W. F. Evans, (Whig) of Glasgow, will be a candidate for Congress in the Third District at the ensuing election.

A Despatch party of a recent date says that snow has fallen there every day, for the twenty-two days preceding.

A large number of factory operatives are on a strike in Manchester, N. H., owing to the change of the hours in the mills.

The daily pay, mileage of members and compensation of officers of Congress, amounted, this year, to \$1,479,669.

The Richmond Penny Post predicts confidently that Mr. Wise will be beaten for Governor, "at least 40,000 votes."

Arrison, the torpedo murderer, still continues to deny his guilt. He awaits his doom with apparent fortitude in the Cincinnati jail.

Ex-President Van Buren was in Paris on the 1st, direct from Rome. He would remain some weeks in Paris.

It is estimated, from what appears to be reliable data, that every pound of cotton raised in the South costs the planters eight cents.

The recent town elections in Paducah resulted in the election of the whole Know-Nothing ticket without opposition.

The Secretary of the Navy has purchased at \$50,000 the steam propelled City of Boston, to send in search of Dr. Kane.

The Washington Star says that Mr. Mason had entirely recovered his health, and will soon resume his functions as Minister to France. He does not contemplate coming home at present.

The Washington Union confirms the statement that the Spanish Government has agreed to award the indemnity demanded by our Government in the Black Warrior case.

An extensive organization is said to exist in Canada, after the K. N. plan, the effect of which is to effect a separation of that province from the mother country.

UP THE HON JOHN M. BOTS says he is sick of political life, and shall never seek to fill another station. He says that if he has a loud call to fill office, he will obey the call, but the call must come, as the Kentuckian said, by "spontaneous combustion."

CHURCH LITIGATION AND DANVILLE R. R. CO. DANVILLE, KY., March 26, 1855. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lexington and Danville Railroad Company, held in Lexington, on Wednesday, 21st March, 1855, the following resolution was adopted, viz: Resolved, unanimously, That the Vice President Bridge across the Kentucky River, be sold and known for as the "CLAY VIA DUCT," in honor of HENRY CLAY, the great father of Internal Improvements in America.

A true copy. Attest: R. A. WATTS, Secy.

We find in the American Organ at Washington, the following communication. It speaks for itself and requires no comments:

WASHINGTON, March 9, 1855. Sir: The administration organs, both great and small, are charging the Know-Nothings with abolitionism. Perhaps they can explain how it is that Montgomery Blair, the only abolition lawyer in this District, and the special friend of Thomas H. Benton, has been appointed Attorney General of the United States, or that John Bull, a man of no name, is a freemason? A DEMOCRAT.

A DEED ON HAND.—We carry the following from the St. Louis News of Saturday last: A deed has been brewing for a day or two, we learn, between B. Gratz Brown, editor of the Democrat, and Thomas C. Reynolds, U. S. district attorney.

The surgeon and the surgeon were prosecuted yesterday, and that they were to fight to-day. Where we know not, but hope the officers of the law will find out, and arrest the matter.

The clergy of these gentlemen is sufficiently undoubted, and their desire for fighting, if reported truly, is shockingly absurd.

BOSTON, March 27. Thos. W. Hooper, paying agent of the Merchants' Bank, has just received from that bank, his accounts are all right as far as known.

NEW ORLEANS, March 26. The steamer Bulwer, which on Saturday below Lake Providence, with 3,500 barrels of cotton, thirty-three passengers and a portion of the crew are lost and missing. Among the lost are J. B. Williams, of New York; Mr. McCausland, of New Orleans; and Mr. McCausland, of New Orleans. The boat is a total loss. She is partially insured.

NEW ORLEANS, March 24. McClung, the celebrated duelist, committed suicide at Jackson today.

NEW ORLEANS, March 26. The Orizaba has arrived with Mexico dates to the 24th. The sailing ship, the Orizaba, is reported to have been wrecked on the coast of Santa Anna. The troops would perish.

Our Streets. The season when flowers will breathe perfumes like "Salem" odors from the spicy shores of Araby the Blest—when nature springs from her hibernical quarters to assume her habits of freshness and beauty, and when flower-crowned maidens fan the cheek and eye of the lover, the spirits, is almost ready to bloom forth. We do not suppose that our city authorities are making a seal of wax to keep them in order at all times, and more particularly in the warm season; but now they appear to have a prospect of a very successful campaign.

A matter of such vital importance should naturally have been taken into consideration by the city authorities, but they have been too busy with the matter of the Arabian impression to "eat dirt," for our streets cannot be traversed but at the peril of life and limb, which is a lamentable state of affairs. It is a pity that the city authorities should be so careless of the health and safety of their citizens. They should be kept in order at all times, and more particularly in the warm season; but now they appear to have a prospect of a very successful campaign.

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COMMERCIAL.

Review of the Danville Market.

Corrected weekly by J. C. HEWY, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Groceries, Confectioneries, &c.

REMARKS.—Business, though still restricted, is more active than usual. Sales of goods are less stringent, the market would be quite brisk. Provisions and bread stuffs are high and scarce. Receipts of groceries fair, with good stocks on hand.

The weather this week has been stormy and wintry, with a heavy fall of snow early in the week—fine prospects for ice at present.

BACON.—We quote hams from \$10 to 10 cents. Sides from 7 to 8. Shoulders from 5 to 6.

BUTTER, EGGS, &c.—Butter from 16 1/2 to 25c. Eggs from 12 to 15c. Lard 2 to 10c.

CATTLE, SHEEP, &c.—Market poorly supplied. Sales to butchers from 7 1/2 to 10c. Sheep from \$3 to \$4.50.

COAL AND WOOD.—Short supply. Coal at 25c per bushel. Wood from \$2.00 to \$2.25 (shaved timber at that).

DRY GOODS.—The stocks are large and well assorted. Merchants offer them at reasonable prices.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Flour is firm with light receipts. Sales of flour from \$4.50 to 4 1/2 per 100 lbs. Retail sales \$5.00. Corn \$1.00 to \$1.10. Wheat scarce at \$1.50 to 1 1/2 per bushel. Oats \$1.00 to 1 1/2 per bushel.

FRUIT.—Receipts light. Dried peaches \$3.00 to 3.50. Green apples, none in market.

PRODUCE.—Receipts are very fair. Rice Coffee from 12 to 15c. Java Coffee 17 to 18c. Sugar on the rise from 6 1/2 to 7c. Cane sugar good stock at fair prices. Rice—fair demand with light stocks. Star Candles we quote at \$4.50. Tallow Candles 14 to 15c by quality. Salt (Kauwha) 5c to \$1.00 per bushel.

HAY.—In demand at \$18 to \$20 per ton. HIDES—Green hides 4c. Mutton 1 1/2 to 2c—supply increasing.

VEGETABLES.—We hear of sales of potatoes at \$2.50 to 3.00. Onion sets from \$5 to 9 per bushel. Light sales of light Cabbages at \$4 to \$5 per 100.

WHISKY.—Has advanced. The receipts of week not known. Several sales on private terms.

FREIGHTS.—(per wagon).—From Lexington to 40 to 45c per 100 lbs. From Louisville 75 to 80c. Via Lexington 70 to 75c. Via Oregon 50 to 60c.

SPECIAL NOTICES. BANKERS.—Messrs. C. C. GREEN & SON, of Louisville, have our thanks for a bottle of their superior Bank Ink, which we received from the hands of our obliging friend, Dick Bolling.

We invite attention to the advertisement of Messrs. FERGUSON, BELL & CO. of Lexington. They are experienced merchants and clever gentlemen, and import largely.

AUCTION SALES.—Mr. T. MORTON, in the large store room lately occupied by Mr. J. M. Nichols is holding auction sales of fine China and Glassware, Fancy Articles, Cigars, Musical Instruments, &c., every day at 2 and 6 1/2 o'clock, P. M. They have a varied stock.

"MARBLE PALACE."—Our readers will notice the advertisement of Messrs. W. B. MORROW & CO. They are now receiving their Spring Stock of Goods, which, (as their advertisement explains), were bought favorably and will be sold low. Their new assortment is large and varied, and worthy the attention of purchasers.

A LARGE STOCK.—Messrs. WELSH & NICHOLS, have imported this season an immense stock of Goods, Groceries, Hardware, &c. The extent of their stock is a subject of remark, and purchasers will find them prepared to fill orders for almost any quantity of articles in their line which may be desired. They are enterprising gentlemen, and deservedly popular merchants.

CHAIN PUMPS.—Messrs. COX & RETTER, in this county, are manufacturing Chain Pumps of the best quality, suitable for cisterns and wells. We have one of these pumps now in use, and are highly pleased with it. We believe they are preferable to any pump we have ever seen, and are free from many of the objections urged against other kinds. They are anti-freezing, not liable to get out of order, easily repaired, and put no bad taste to the water, and occupy but little room. See advertisement.

RESPAN HEMP SEED.—We have been shown by one of the importers a sample of the Hemp Seed recently imported from Russia to this country. It has an excellent appearance, and is said to have been thoroughly tested and found to be of the best quality, and warranted to come up. A portion of the seed has been left for sale by Messrs. WELSH & NICHOLS, who will supply it to those who desire to purchase. Price \$5 per bushel.

MARRIED.—Yesterday morning, March 29, by Rev. R. H. Caldwell, Mr. JAMES M. GRAY, of this place, to Miss SALLY K. TADLOCK, daughter of Mrs. CYNTHIA TADLOCK, of Perryville, in Kentucky.

On the same day, by Rev. John A. Bogle, Mr. NICHOLAS HECKER, to Miss MARY LEE, all of this county.

DIED.—In this place, on Monday last, 26th inst. Miss MILDRED A., daughter of THOMAS and ELIZABETH THOMAS, aged about 14 years.

Resolutions. Spring Hill Lodge, No. 139, Ancient York Masonic regular meeting, Crab Orchard, Ky., March 3d, 1855.

Whereas, it having pleased the all-wise disposer of events to remove from us, and this transient existence, our worthy and esteemed brother, H. H. WHITLEY, we cannot withhold from his memory the commendations that his many virtues call for at our hands, therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Whitley, society here be deprived of a good member, his family a sincere and devoted husband, and the Masonic Fraternity of one who has all ways cherished the noble principles of the order.

Resolved, That this Lodge truly and sincerely condole with the widow and relations of our deceased brother, and tenders to them in their affliction our kindest sympathies,

